

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Zayd Alathari on March 24, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

**claim 20**, line 2, deleted "Thrombinase" and inserted --purified thrombinase--

, line 4, deleted "a filtrate of"

, line 18, after "acetone" inserted --to obtain a re-precipitated precipitate--

, line 20, deleted "by using modified CDR (Cell" and inserted --,--

, line 21, deleted "Debris Remover) treatment by eluting with a buffer containing 0.1 to 0.5 M NaCl"

, line 22, after "lyophilizing" inserted --to obtain a lyophilized precipitate--

, line 23, deleted "Purifying" and inserted --Subjecting-- and further deleted "by" and inserted --to--

, line 24, deleted "by" and inserted --to--

, line 27, deleted "Thrombinase" and inserted --thrombinase-- ;

**claim 22**, line 2, deleted "crude enzyme used" and inserted --re-precipitated precipitate-- ;

**claim 23**, line 2, deleted "crude enzyme used" and inserted --re-precipitated precipitate-- ;

**claim 25**, canceled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEBBIE K. WARE whose telephone number is (571)272-0924. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mike Wityshyn can be reached on 571-272-0926. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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